

# BANNER-ENTERPRISE.

Organ of the Industrial Association

RALEIGH, JULY 12, 1883.

The first convention of colored newspaper men of North Carolina was characterized by the best of feeling, unity of action, oneness of purpose and by its manly independence of speech. The personnel of the body, the ladies said, could not be surpassed in America.

The colored press convention last week voted against North Carolina sending delegates to the National Convention of colored men to meet this fall in Louisville. Only one editor dissenting.

The colored press convention of the Old North State is composed of young men of strong minds, who are willing to make personal sacrifices in order to assist in the amelioration and advancement of the race.

## THE FAIR.

The outlook for a grand exhibition next fall is encouraging indeed. The east is wide awake on the Fair, and quite an interest has already been manifested in it all along the line of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad from Wilmington to Weldon. The indications are that large crowds will attend the Fair from that quarter. The executive committee has been in session and has appointed canvassers and agents in nearly every county in the State. As soon as their commissions are forwarded to them a vigorous canvass will commence. About the first of August the Secretary will announce the time and places at which speeches in the interest of the Fair will be made.

## OUR POSITION.

Our last issue contained a brief allusion to certain parties, who, displeased with our utterances, had discontinued their subscriptions.

In itself, this is a small matter, but if the idea exercising these gentlemen were carried to its legitimate conclusion, how disastrous would be the result! What would become of the newspaper and of the editor?

For, as no two individuals can see the same fact in precisely the same light, nor entertain identical beliefs on any one subject, and as the editor would be obliged to please each one of his readers, although holding diverse opinions, it is lamentably clear that his career must end briefly in the insane asylum or poor house. Let us thank God and the better spirit which directs and governs our people, that no such impossibility is required of an editor.

Designing politicians have subsidized newspapers for base purposes and have dared to insult the intelligence of the American people with printed lies for personal and party ends; but the fall of Lucifer was not swifter than the decadence of these corrupt journals, and their very names have become a stench in the nostrils of honest men.

Next to the Bible, the newspaper should be the most truthful in its sentiments, the most independent in its utterances, the most moral in its conduct. Why?

"It is the abstract and brief chronicle of the time, showing virtue her own features, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure."

Certain it is, that in all enlightened countries the newspaper is today more popular and more widely read than the Bible; and the reason is, that the former comes into our homes, bearing the thought and life of the present moving, living world, caught, as it were, on the wing, fresh from the hearts and homes of all other men filled with lessons of life and death, of love and hate, of joy and sorrow, and all the passions, hopes and fears of our common humanity.

Dr. Chalmers said, years ago, that the best writing and much of the best thinking of his day was done for the newspapers. Admitting this to be true, how much have these indispensable requisites improved with the material advancement of the newspaper! The very ablest authors, scholars, statisticians, were educated to the highest point in specialties—the subtlest reasoning, the profoundest calculation, the finest wit, the keenest satire, the kindest humor, all find ample scope for their greatest powers in our leading journals. And the end is not yet. Daily these newspapers are growing more liberal and independent, and daily enlarging the area of their power and usefulness—not as blind followers of party or creed, but indefatigable searchers for truth and fearless advocates of moral, intellectual, social and material progress.

Shall the BANNER-ENTERPRISE, enlisted as an humble soldier in this grand army falter in the onward march and struggle from the path of

integrity and honor, to be captured by the first banner of the opposing force?

God forbid! Whatsoever of zeal we possess, and whatsoever of ability and influence we may acquire, we solemnly promise shall be exerted in behalf of the personal and political freedom of the colored race; that we will honestly endeavor to do justice to all—to speak truth without fear, and whilst listening with respectful attention to kindly advice, yield blind obedience to no man's nor party's dictation.

Once for all, we repeat this in our paper—bought with our means, conducted with our money and subject to our will. No threat of punishment nor promise of reward shall drive us from the right or pledge us to the wrong.

With the earnest hope that our disaffected friends will seriously ponder the above and draw lessons of wisdom and comfort therefrom, we bid an affectionate adieu. We shall require neither their advice nor assistance in the conduct of this paper, and promise so long as they are decent not to molest nor make them afraid.

## THE NEGRO.

One of the best possible evidences of the worth and capacity of an individual or a community is evinced in the amount of abuse heaped upon him or it. It is no longer regarded as a disgrace for a public man in this country to be evilly spoken of; it is one of the best of passports for him and enables him to reach the acme of political greatness and finally to die with all his blushing honors fast upon him. We think that the same view holds good as it respects the Negro in this country. We have waxed strong intellectually, financially and religiously, and our code of morals is no worse than that of the other race. We are not unmindful of the fact that we have not reached perfection in our efforts towards dignifying and ennobling our race, yet we have attained to a standard that will compare rather favorably with the civilization of that race under whose guiding and restraining influence we have been students for now nearly two and a half centuries. We have risen Phoenix like to fame and greatness. We have produced Negroes equal in learning in the arts and sciences, to the proudest of the Saxon race. We have given to the world some of the greatest scholars, able orators, inventors, scientists, jurists and theologians as any other race, under the blue canopy of heaven; and we have not yet fairly started in our determination to show the world that the color of the skin, the contour of the head and the texture of the hair do not, in the least, affect the quality of the brains. Men(?) of Dr. Tucker's and "Ariel's" stamp may rave and foam good naturedly and seriously if they will, as they contemplate the big black spot occupied by the Negro on this continent, we can stand it if they can. The trying ordeal through which the Negro has passed is one of the best illustrations by which our patience and forbearance and our abiding faith in the promises of God. We have been tried in the crucible of fire; we have suffered and endured every species of indignity and brutality and we are here today to answer roll call, when the nations of the earth will have been summoned to appear before the tribunal of Eternal Justice the Negro will be there to receive the measure of his reward. The Negro is not the depraved and worthless brute that prejudicial white men are wont to believe us to be. Whatever is bad in us is purely American, and white Americans are not saints any more than we are. The Negro has played a conspicuous part both in ancient and modern times. He it was who bore the cross of Calvary upon his brawny shoulders when the "Man of Sorrows" was overburdened with its ponderous weight, and when Herod sought the young child's life he found it not, for he was hidden in the land of Egypt, among the sable sons of the dark continent, and there he remained until the angel of God brought the tidings of the death of his pursuer. The Negro has been the Olivette of all ages since the creation as he is today. He is the great enigmas of the nineteenth century. God had a purpose in creating him, and until that purpose is accomplished the Negro will remain in *status quo*—perpetual the thought—but in close proximity to all other races on the face of the earth, and he will measure arms with them intellectually and physically or in whatever way may be necessary to prove his fitness for the position which he was created to fill in the family of nations. The consummate littleness displayed by learned white men in their endeavor to belittle the Negro will never annul the eternal fact—"Ethiopia shall suddenly stretch out her hands unto God."

It is reported that silver has been discovered in the Black Mountain range in Essex county, New York.

## COLORADO PRESS CONVENTION.

The members of the colored press of this State assembled in Wilmington on the 5th inst., and continued in session for two days. About twelve papers were represented, and all of them were a unit in matters pertaining to the elevation of the race. The temporary organization was effected in the Mayor's office; afterwards the Convention adjourned to the Opera House. Rev. D. J. Sanders, of the *Africa American Presbyterian*, was elected President; W. C. Smith, of the *Charlotte Messenger*, J. H. Williamson, of the *BANNER-ENTERPRISE*, and J. C. Dancy, of the *Sentinel*, were chosen Vice-Presidents; E. E. Smith, of the *BANNER-ENTERPRISE*, was elected Secretary; J. T. Bailey, of the *Eastern Enquirer*, was chosen Treasurer; G. A. Mohane, of the *BANNER-ENTERPRISE*, I. B. Abbott, of the *Lodge*, and D. J. Sanders, were constituted an executive committee.

Papers on education, agriculture and other topics of interest were read and discussed.

Messrs. G. P. Rourke, J. A. Lowery, J. H. Williamson, J. B. Dudley, Bishop J. W. Hood, J. A. Tyler, and J. C. Price were elected honorary members. Numerous resolutions were discussed and adopted.

The next session of the convention will be held in the city of Raleigh about the 25th of next May.

The following resolutions were discussed and adopted by the convention:

Whereas, The questions of agriculture, education, temperance, politics and religion should claim the attention of all classes of citizens of our State and country; for agriculture being the source of all prosperity—from it all branches of industry receive nourishment and all people's life and strength—and as there can be no permanent prosperity without it; therefore

1. Resolved, That the agricultural interests of the State shall at all times and in every conceivable way receive the undivided support of this association.

2. Education being the chief cornerstone of the peace and prosperity of all peoples and nations, and we fully realizing the great need of it among our people, do hereby renew our pledge to labor more incessantly in every imaginable way to assist in the education and amelioration of the whole people.

3. That intemperance is a national evil, and tends greatly to impede the progress of the Negro race and mankind generally. And in order to remove everything that obstructs our pathway to peace and happiness, we pledge this association to do all in its power to arrest the tendency to intemperance.

4. That in politics, as in all other questions affecting our rights in all its bearings, we will be governed hereafter by the character and fitness of the men for whom we are called upon to vote and the platform and principles we are asked to endorse.

5. That the material and moral interests of the Negro race shall receive at our hands through this association and its press unqualified support; and that hereafter no man or set of men or women guilty of any infamous act or crime, shall be recognized as leaders or fit persons to officiate in our schools as teachers, or by our consent hold any place of honor or trust in city, State or general government.

6. That the policy heretofore pursued by those occupying Federal positions in North Carolina, in their interference in political conventions, thereby thwarting the will of the people by putting forward for office persons objectionable to the sovereign voters, is an abomination of the people's rights, uncitizenlike, tyrannical, and usurpation in its worst form, which meets our unqualified condemnation. Therefore, we take this occasion to repeat that such interference in the future will not be tolerated by the Colored Press connected with this Association.

7. That the actions of the self-constituted leaders (office holders) who take occasion to visit Washington, D. C., and confer with the Departments, make up political slates, pledging the united support of the colored voters of North Carolina without their consent, is devilish in spirit, tyrannical in action, and savors of everything except the cardinal principles of the National Republican or Democratic parties. Therefore we propose to speak in the future for ourselves, and not by those who have no interest in the colored race further than the offices they hold at the expense of the Negro voters.

## LETTER FROM OBERLIN, OHIO.

OBERLIN, OHIO, July 5, 1883.

[Cor. of the BANNER-ENTERPRISE.]

After a long, pleasant, but somewhat fatiguing journey, I reached my destination June 26th. Remained in Washington two days and met several North Carolinians who gave me quite a warm greeting. On Sunday, June 24th, I visited the Presbyterian church, which is a fine one, and had the pleasure of hearing a most excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Grimke. The music rendered by the choir was fine. Mr. Fleet presiding at the organ. Left for Oberlin, Ohio, at 7:30 on June 25th. The scenery on the road was simply grand, especially the Alleghany Mountain. Another point of interest in the Horse Shoe Bend in Pennsylvania. While you are going round it looks as if you will be

topped down the mountains. On Wednesday, June 28th, the graduating class of the Conservatory of Music held their exercises at the Second Congregational church. The music was of a very high order of excellence. Miss Carrie L. Dennis, of Indiana College, sang an operatic piece, and elicited much applause from the audience. She has rare musical powers, and also sang for the Senior Preparatory Exhibition, which exercises took place Friday, June 29th. On Sunday the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by President Fairchild. Monday, July 1st, the Literary Course held their exercises; on July 2d, the Classical Course. There were two colored graduates from this department, Mr. Garnett, of Georgia, and Mr. McMichael, of Ashley, Ohio. July 4th, was the grand jubilee day. Thousands of people were present. All the exercises were held out under the auditorium on account of the vast multitude. Oberlin has fine halls, and there were in attendance this scholastic year 1,390 pupils; of this number about 50 were colored. Among the latter Miss Annie J. Cooper, of Raleigh, appears very prominently. Oberlin is situated thirty miles west of Cleveland, and is quite a pleasant place. It is also eleven miles from Lake Erie, where the people of Oberlin frequently resort. Several thousands of people witnessed the Semi-Centennial exercises. Banners, with the pictures of the founders, John J. Shipherd, son of Hon. Zebulon R. and Elizabeth B. Shipherd, and Philo Penfield Stewart, were tastefully arranged on the rostrum. Another place of interest is the Historic Elm, so called because the two founders knelt and prayed under the tree. At 6:30 a party consisting of sixty went on a visit to Lake Erie, twelve miles from the city. Having arrived there and refreshed ourselves, rowing and bathing took place. Quite a nice dressing room, with two divisions, one for ladies, the other for gentlemen, is erected on the seashore, containing bathing costumes. The bathing and rowing were indulged in until 12 o'clock, when the company betook themselves to the table to partake of the grand feast that was prepared. After dinner we retired to the large dancing hall, constructed for that purpose. Among the North Carolinians present were Mrs. Harris, Miss J. E. Thomas, Mrs. Brooks and Miss Libbie Leary. J. E. T.

This seems to be an off-year for men of weight and substance, the surface men are all coming to the front, and they are raising a great deal of excitement. I expect to see the Republican party knocked high'n a kite by the able efforts of these illustrious colored statesmen. It is good to be "beet". Washington produces more statesmen annually to the square inch than any other place on the American continent, and they all know their business, too.

I saw a few days ago the tallest and fattest man in North Carolina, a member of your Legislature and a jolly good fellow, I think. He is a great deal larger of course than the millionaire editor of the *Globe*, I mean physically—for a more noble specimen of African humanity, true greatness, magnanimity and honest manhood than old Tim Fortune never kicked a delinquent subscriber down stairs or killed a man for questioning his veracity, will you please to shake hands? The man I am talking about is the Hon. E. H. Sutton, who has heard of me before, and who has since laid aside his weapons of defence, shaken hands across the bloody chasm, and demonstrated to the world that he is only a man and "dare to do all that does become a man." He shall always have my everlasting respect and veneration or any other human being who is courageous enough to be little—because he can be. I know some of the smallest, big Negroes outside of Hades, and they all live in Washington.

Jim Dean, of Florida, has been rusticated for several weeks at Harper's Ferry and other points of interest. He is a pretty Negro, talks and writes to the point and stops when he's through. This year owl expects to see him in Congress one of these days unless the world comes to an end, for he has in him all the elements that will be required in the public man of the future. The trouble heretofore with our Southern and Northern leaders, colored, of course, has been that they were overrated by their constituents overrated themselves, did nothing particularly, particularly as leaders except to imitate white men, and draw their salaries. The truth of the matter is that coming to Congress was a ticklish kind of business for Mr. Coon a dozen or so years ago; and it usually took him the whole of his first term to realize what he was and to find out if "this is me" anyhow. Let the dead and the beautiful rest; in other words R. I. P. They did the best they could under the circumstances.

"They are happy now and we Soon our happiness shall see." To all of which this year owl says amen, kind o' loud like.

An enterprising Chicago man has invented a marble burial casket, for which he is already finding a large sale. It is made of Portland Keene cement, and is said to be imperishable and indestructible.

I. O. G. S. and D. S.

The session of the Grand Lodge held in this city a few days since, was one of much interest, and in which much work of importance to the order was accomplished. The following resolutions were adopted:

1st. That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to his Excellency Thos. J. Jarvis and council for the use of the House of Representatives for the present session.

2nd. That our thanks are tendered to Elite Lodge and the citizens of Raleigh generally for hospitalities extended to this Grand Lodge.

3rd. That our thanks are tendered to the officers of this Grand Body for their services to the cause of Samaritanism during the past year.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

J. W. Harrell, R. W. G. C., New Bern.

Mary E. Brown, Associate, New Bern.

J. M. Copeland, R. W. D. G. C., Rocky Mount.

Amanda Moseley, Associate, Charlotte.

C. E. Sampson, R. W. V. G. C., Wilmington.

A. A. Greene, Associate, Wilmington.

Col. G. T. Wasson, R. W. G. S., Goldsboro.

Alice M. Daniel, Associate, Oxford.

C. M. Martin, R. W. T., Wilmington.

R. E. Harris, Associate, Goldsboro.

Maj. E. E. Smith, R. W. G. L., Goldsboro.

Annie Andrews, Associate, New Bern.

G. A. Farmer, R. W. G. M., Weldon.

Rev. P. J. Holmes, R. W. G. P., Egypt.

Eliza Harris, Associate, Wilmington.

R. W. Richardson, R. W. G. Con., Wilmington.

Sally Carue, Associate, Wilmington.

Wyatt Walker, R. W. G. I. S., Reidsville.

Ellen Oden, R. W. G. D. P., Roxie Wooten, Associate, Wilmington.

A. H. Fleming, R. W. G. O. S., Weldon.

Rev. W. J. Moore, R. W. P. G. C., Wilson.

Sarah Wright, Associate, Raleigh.

Representatives to the R. W. N. G. L. Rev. Z. T. Pearsall, Harrisburg, Pa. Rev. R. H. Simmons, Fayetteville. Mrs. F. E. Howe, Wilmington.

Next session will be held at Fayetteville, on the second Tuesday in June, 1884.

G. T. Wasson, R. W. G. S.

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An Address to the Members of the Industrial Association.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 24, '82. It is said "It is the early bird that catches the worm." In order that we may be ready to catch as large a worm as possible, in the beautiful and attractive shape of success, it is important for us to begin the work of arranging our plans, and getting everything in good shape for the next Annual Exhibition of the "North Carolina Industrial Association." This Association is the only institution and enterprise (that I am aware of) that is organized by, and is under the entire control of the colored citizens of the State. It may then very properly be called our institution. I need not therefore say, for it cannot be otherwise than apparent to you, that the perpetuation of our institution and the success of our next annual exhibition will depend largely upon the individual, as well as the united efforts of its members, with proper and united efforts we can and will succeed.

We have the material and resources within ourselves to insure success. All that we have to do is to so arrange our plans as to bring these forces into active and harmonious operation.

The purpose of this communication is mainly to call your attention to these facts, and to solicit your earnest, active and hearty co-operation in every legitimate effort that may be put forth to build up our organization. I will do everything in my power to obtain this most desirable end; but my efforts will be in vain, unless you aid me. Let me beg you to put behind you any differences or misunderstandings that may have heretofore existed, and go to work this year and next with renewed vigor to win success. I expect to draw up a system of rules to govern us in our operations in the future. In order that I may formulate such a system of rules as will meet the approval and command the support of all, I will be greatly obliged if you will favor me immediately with your views and suggestions upon the matter.

Now, Colored North Carolinians, Members of the Association, Brethren and Friends—in union there is strength. In division, weakness, defeat, and perhaps disgrace. I appeal to your race pride, and rely upon your innate manliness to aid me and other officers in trying to make the next annual exhibition of the Association a success.

Very respectfully, JOHN S. LEARY, President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE N. C. INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION FOR 1882-3. J. S. Leary, ex-officio President, Cumberland; John O'Kelly, ex-officio, Vice-President, Wake; J. H. Williamson, ex-officio, Secretary, C. W. Hoover, ex-officio, Treasurer, Stewart Elison, Wake; N. W. Hall, Richmond; W. C. Coleman, Calhoun; Stewart Hardy, Halifax; Jas. H. Harris, Wake; F. H. Watkins, Wake; James H. Jones, Wake; Oliver Roane, Wake; George T. Wasson, E. E. Smith, Wayne; John C. Dancy, Edgecombe; W. E. Turner, Vance; W. H. Sumner, Wake; J. M. McArthur, Robeson; C. N. Hunter, Wake; J. W. Poe, Caswell; A. Tate, Wake; J. C. Price, Rowan; F. E. Howell, Curator Johnson, Wake; E. K. Green, New Hanover; J. S. H. Young, Wake; F. T. Thomas, Wake; A. B. Vincent, Alamance; Nordest Jeffries, Wake; Frank Johnson, Wake; B. B. Gaines, Wake.

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